

Resolution authorizing the settlement of a disputed claim for bodily injury to Sarah Gregory and her daughter Brittney Rodgers in an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$13,000.00)

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2005 a Franklin County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division deputy, John Thompson, was involved in an auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Patrol deputy failed to yield at a stop sign and struck a vehicle driven by Sarah Gregory; and

WHEREAS, settlement in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,000.00) has been negotiated and recommended by the claim analyst for the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County Ohio, Kermit Zimmerman of Rittel, Hill and Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County offered to pay Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,500.00) to Sarah Gregory for injuries she suffered in the accident that occurred on December 3, 2005; and Sarah Gregory has accepted contingent on approval by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County offered to pay Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00) to Sarah Gregory for injuries her daughter Brittney Rodgers suffered in the accident that occurred on December 3, 2005; and Sarah Gregory has accepted, as her guardian, contingent on approval by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement fairly compensates Sarah Gregory and Brittney Rodgers for their injuries; and

WHEREAS, by agreeing to this settlement, neither John Thompson, the Franklin County Commissioners, nor the Franklin County Sheriff's Office admits to any negligence or liability arising out of the auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement, recommended by Rittel, Hill and Zimmerman deems it to be in the best interest of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to settle the injury claims for Thirteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,000.00); and

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the above-referenced settlement in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,000.00) is in the best interest of the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Fleet Management and the same is hereby approved.
2. That upon execution of a full release in favor of the Franklin County Commissioners, Department of Fleet Management and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office that is satisfactory to the Prosecutor's Office; two warrants be issued payable to Sarah Gregory and her attorney, Scott W. Schiff and Associates and forwarded to Kermit Zimmerman of Rittel, Hill & Zimmerman at 4920 Reed Road, Unit E, Columbus, OH 43220 in exchange for Sarah Gregory's signed release and as full and final settlement of this matter
3. The attached Purchase Orders in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,500.00) and Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00) are hereby approved.

Prepared by: D. Masterson, Sheriff's Office Director of Finance

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